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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 4 April 1969

The Director advised Carver that General Wheeler had just called to ask the Director to see General Steakley on 7 April.

*The Director drew attention to the growing press and public debate over what precisely certain NIEs have said over the years about the Soviet strategic threat. He noted the probability that after the Easter recess we will be called upon by one or more Congressional committees to make appropriate comments. The Director pointed to the need for a dry run on responses to the likely kinds of questions which would be raised as well as to the need for a history of the key Estimates and of how we have gotten to where we stand now on such issues as the SS-9. The Director asked that the DD/S&T, the DD/I, and D/ONE form an ad hoc group to oversee the necessary research on issues and the development of tactics to be employed on the Hill.

Lehman for Godfrey advised that Secretary Packard departs for Germany on Sunday and that we will be providing him with appropriate intelligence support.

*D/ONE drew attention to an ONE Staff Memorandum which brings up to date the issues and key figures involved in the Peruvian controversy. In this connection, the Director asked Houston to review the Hickenlooper amendment and to provide the Executive Committee with a short briefing on it on Monday.

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Carver indicated that there is a country team meeting today in Vientiane to deal with the matter of whether additional U. S. air

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support will be required to support Laotian defensive operations and that a proposal may be forthcoming within the next twenty-four hours.

Carver reported that CINCPAC will be calling a conference in Honolulu in late April or early May to deal with the subject of instituting a data bank for keeping track of the North Vietnamese.

Maury advised that Congressman Pike and staffman Slatinshek have agreed not to insist on the sanitizing of our Pueblo testimony.

*Maury advised that Bill Woodruff has requested Bruce Clarke's "fact sheets" on the SS-9. The Director asked Maury to double-check with Woodruff on exactly what Senator Russell wants and as to whether it could be done orally. In any case, the Director wishes to review any material before it is dispatched.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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